

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

April 3, 2007
Mayor and All Aldermen

Upon Recess of BMA
Aldermanic Chambers
City Hall (3rd Floor)

Mayor Guinta called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Alderman Roy, Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil,
Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Forest

Absent: Alderman Thibault

3. Appropriating Resolutions:

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Airport Authority the sum of \$58,865,030 from Special Airport Revenue Funds for Fiscal Year 2008.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$15,007,892 from Sewer User Rental Charges to the Environmental Protection Division for Fiscal Year 2008.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Parking Fund the sum of \$5,299,591 from Parking for the Fiscal Year 2008.”

“A Resolution appropriating the sum of \$2,253,110 from Recreation User Charges to the Recreation Division for Fiscal Year 2008.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester Transit Authority the sum of \$1,176,714 for the Fiscal Year 2008.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester School District the sum of \$147,250,000 for the Fiscal Year 2008.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Manchester School Food and Nutrition Services Program the sum of \$5,898,950 from School Food and Nutrition Services Revenues for Fiscal Year 2008.”

“Raising Monies and Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2008.”

“Approving the Community Improvement Program for 2008, Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefore, and Authorizing Implementation of Said Program.”

“Appropriating all Incremental Meals and Rooms Tax Revenue Received by the City in Fiscal Year 2008 and held in the Civic Center Fund, for the payment of the City’s Obligations in Said Fiscal Year Under the Financing Agreement.”

“A Resolution appropriating to the Central Business Service District the sum of \$244,000 from Central Business Service District Funds for Fiscal Year 2008.”

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman O’Neil, it was voted to dispense with the readings by titles only.

Alderman Duval moved that Item 3 (the appropriating resolutions) and budget as presented by the Mayor last Thursday ought to pass and lay over and to direct the City Solicitor to provide the earliest possible date to hold the budget hearing. Alderman Long duly seconded the motion.

In response to question Alderman Duval advised that he was moving all of the budget items ought to pass and lay over and directing the earliest possible date from the solicitor to hold a public hearing on the budget.

Mayor Guinta asked if this could be done prior to public hearing.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated my understanding of the motion is that the budget ought to pass and lay over and further be referred to public hearing which is required by statute. The state requires a seven notice, in order to make deadlines for publications the suggestion would the 16th of April, which is a Monday, and the Clerk will schedule it at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Guinta asked if that was included in the motion.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson advised that would be included in the motion that he has made because he is saying the earliest possible date, and typically they are Monday, and so that would be the earliest date.

Alderman Duval stated that would be correct.

Alderman Forest stated Alderman Duval's motion is that the budget ought to pass.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson stated ought to pass and lay over is the motion which would in essence put the budget reporting back out to the Board to be laid over at which time the Board could pick it up at any point and amend it or pass it after five days, well, after the public hearing, at any time after the public hearing.

Alderman Lopez asked the Clerk for clarification, what is the proper procedures is this the proper procedure I thought we had a public hearing before we did anything.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson advised historically the Board has held a public hearing and then the Finance Committee has reported after that point out to the Board. There is nothing that prohibits the Board from taking a different action.

Alderman Lopez stated so in this case if this motion were to pass?

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied then in essence the clock is ticking as soon as the public hearing is held, the five day layover would have been met by the time the public hearing comes.

Alderman Lopez stated then we are denying the School Board to come in and make their presentation.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied no, the Board could still have any presentation at the Board level that it desires it's just taking it out of the Finance Committee at that point.

Alderman O'Neil stated I guess I'm a little bit confused. Carol, can you simplify what's the difference between what we normally do, and what Alderman Duval's motion does.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied what's historically happened is the Board has said the resolutions be referred to public hearing. What Alderman Duval is saying in his motion as I understand it because typically you have your public hearing, you would review the budget and you would come out with an ought to pass and lay over at some number could be the Mayor's number or any number. He is

saying do that process now, and then just have your deliberations after the public hearing.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Aldermen Gatsas, Long, Duval, Osborne, Pinard, Shea, and Garrity voted yea. Aldermen O'Neil and Lopez abstained. Aldermen DeVries, Smith, Forest, and Roy voted nay. Alderman Thibault was absent. The motion carried.

Alderman DeVries stated just a point of clarification because there was a question asked what the difference would be would I be correct that the difference is that now the public hearing will be held before the public really has an understanding of budget implications, because the School Board will not have made their presentation to us and if they have problems the public will be weighing in without that knowledge would that be correct.

Mayor Guinta stated I give the public a lot more credit in understanding these issues.

Alderman DeVries stated but it is correct that they will be coming before us without having heard any budget coming from the school.

Mayor Guinta stated unless we want to schedule someone coming in before then, technically right now, there will be a public hearing before a department is scheduled to come before this committee.

Alderman Lopez asked Alderman Gatsas as Finance Chair if they plan on having any meetings before the public hearing, having the school board come in, and maybe have the departments give us a bullet point as to what the budget means to them so we have some idea. I don't know what the hurry is I think it's denying the school board and the public an opportunity to listen and dialogue.

Mayor Guinta stated in my budget speech I said that I would be talking with Alderman Gatsas about setting a schedule so we'll have that conversation a little bit quicker than I anticipated.

Alderman Lopez state I think we should have the school board in next week.

Alderman Lopez move to have the School Board in next week.

Mayor Guinta stated I'm not going to accept that, I'd like to as I said in my budget address, with the alderman to schedule that, I said I would do that and I will, and I will reiterate this evening that we will talk first thing tomorrow morning to try to determine an appropriate schedule.

Alderman Lopez asked if he would accept the School Board to come in next week.

Mayor Guinta stated he would sit down with Alderman Gatsas, and himself as the Chair of Finance, and alderman Gatsas as the Vice-Chair and we will try to come up with an appropriate schedule.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson advised that if the recommendation is accepted at the Board level when we come out of Finance Committee at that point the budget is now at the Board level so it would be a Special Meeting of the Board and not a Committee on Finance that would be discussing the budget.

Mayor Guinta stated so I would then have to schedule a meeting.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson replied you or a majority of the aldermen elect yes.

4. Resolution:

“Continuation of the Central Business Service District.”

On motion of Alderman Roy, seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to read the resolution by title only and it was so done.

On motion of Alderman DeVries, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted that the Resolution ought to pass and be referred to the public hearing with budget resolutions on April 16, 2007.

5. Resolutions:

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$5,900) for the FY2007 CIP 210207 Immunization Services.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the FY2007 CIP 210607 School Based Dental Services.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Thousand Seven Hundred and One Dollars (\$5,701) for the FY2007 CIP 210707 STD Clinical and DIS Program.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the FY2007 CIP 211107 Substance Abuse Treatment Service Program.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for the FY2007 CIP 214307 Girls Inc. Facility Improvement Project.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300) for the FY2007 CIP 214407 Senior Wellness Funding Initiative Program.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the FY2007 CIP 412307 Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council High School Dropout Reduction Project.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Six Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$6,534) for the FY2007 CIP 412407 Public Safety Interoperability Portable Radios Program.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) for the 2007 CIP 511407 Black Brook Dam Removal Engineering (Watershed Restoration) Project.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2007 511807 Recreational Improvements Fund Project.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the 2007 CIP 511907 Preservation of the City of Manchester’s Cemetery Records Project.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the FY2007 CIP 610407 Housing Rehab/Lead Hazard Control Program.”

“Authorizing the Finance Officer to effect a transfer of Nine Thousand Dollars (\$9,000) from Contingency to Human Resources – Unemployment Compensation.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$115,000) for the 2007 CIP 512007 Bass Island Blacksmith Shop Site Acquisition.”

“Amending the FY2007 Community Improvement Program, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and Eighty Three Cents (\$369,998.83) for the FY2007 CIP 8115607 Hallsville School Roof Repair Project.

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Osborne, it was voted to dispense with the readings by titles only.

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman Pinard, it was voted that the Resolutions ought to pass and be enrolled.

6. CIP Budget Authorizations:

210207	Immunization Services – Revision #1
210607	School Based Dental Services – Revision #1
210707	STD Clinical & DIS Program – Revision #1
211107	Substance Abuse Treatment Service – Revision #1
214307	Girls Inc Facility Improvement Project
214407	Senior Wellness Funding Initiative Program
412307	Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council High School Dropout Reduction

412407	Public Safety Interoperability Portable Radios Program
511407	Black Brook Dam Removal (Watershed Restoration) Project – Revision #1
511507	Bass Island – Blacksmith Shop Environmental Site Assessment
511807	Recreational Improvements Fund Project
511907	Preservation of the City of Manchester’s Cemetery Records
512007	Bass Island Blacksmith Shop Site Acquisition
610407	Housing Rehab/Lead Hazard Control Program – Revision #4
811307	Citywide Revaluation – Revision #1
811607	Hallsville School Roof Repair

Alderman Roy asked if the MER that came out of CIP Committee needed to be addressed before they adjourned Finance.

Deputy City Clerk Johnson advised that the item did not require action by the Finance Committee.

On motion of Alderman Roy, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted that the CIP budget authorizations be approved, subject to final adoption of related resolutions.

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman DeVries, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee